

30. A DNA molecule according to claim 28 when administered by particle bombardment.

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31. A DNA molecule according to claim 28 for use in achieving an increased immune response.

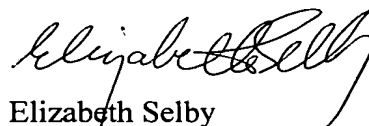
32. A method of therapeutic or prophylactic vaccination comprising administering an effective amount of a DNA molecule as claimed in claim 1.

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34. A method according to claim 32 for use in achieving an increased immune response.

REMARKS

Currently claims 1-34 are pending. Claims 3-10, 16, 18-21, 25-28, 30-32 and 34 have been amended to place them in form appropriate to US practice and to reduce the filing fee by removing multiple dependency. Applicants have attached an abstract on a separate sheet of paper as required by US practice. Applicants have amended the specification for purposes of adding the priority information.

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3. (Amended) A DNA molecule according to claim 1 **[or 2]** wherein said untranslated region has a ΔG of below -10kCal/mol .

4. (Amended) A DNA molecule according to claim 1 **[any preceding claim]** wherein said sequence has a ΔG that is below -30kCal/mol .

5. (Amended) A DNA molecule according to claim 1 **[any preceding claim]** wherein said sequence has a ΔG that is below -40kCal/mol .

6. (Amended) A DNA molecule according to claim 1 **[any preceding claim]** wherein said untranslated region has a ΔG of below -50kCal/mol .

7. (Amended) A DNA molecule according to claim 1 **[any preceding claim]** wherein expression of said polypeptide is heat shock responsive.

8. (Amended) An RNA molecule obtainable by transcribing a DNA molecule according to claim 1 **[any of claims 1 to 7]**.

9. (Amended) A vector comprising a DNA molecule according to claim 1 **[any of claims 1 to 7]**.

10. (Amended) An expression system comprising a DNA molecule according to claim 1 **[any of claims 1 to 7]**, or a vector comprising said DNA molecule **[according to claim 9]**.

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16. (Amended) A method of obtaining a polypeptide comprising expressing the polypeptide using an expression system according to claim 10 [any of claims 10 to 15] and, optionally, purifying the polypeptide.

18. (Amended) A method of treating a deficiency in the expression of a polypeptide, comprising providing a patient with a DNA molecule as claimed in claim 1 [any of claims 1 to 7] which encodes said polypeptide, a vector [as claimed in claim 9] comprising said DNA molecule, or a cell comprising said DNA molecule or vector.

19. (Amended) A method of treating a deficiency in the expression of a polypeptide, comprising providing a patient with a DNA molecule as claimed in claim 1 [any one of claims 1 to 7] wherein said molecule is provided in a manner to allow it to become operably linked with a sequence already present in the patient which encodes said polypeptide.

20. (Amended) A method of treating a disorder (e.g. an infection) treatable by providing an increased immune response, comprising providing a patient with a vaccine comprising a DNA molecule as claimed in claim 1 [any of claims 1 to 7] or a vector comprising said DNA molecule [as claimed in claim 9].

21. (Amended) A method according to claim 18 [or 19], wherein a DNA molecule or vector is provided under conditions allowing it to integrate within the patient's genome.

25. (Amended) A pharmaceutically acceptable composition comprising a DNA molecule according to claim 1 [any of claims 1 to 7], an RNA molecule obtainable by transcribing said DNA molecule [according to claim 8], or an expression system comprising said DNA molecule [a cell as described in claim 11].

26. (Amended) A vaccine comprising a DNA molecule according to claim 1 [any of claims 1 to 5], or a vector comprising said DNA molecule [according to claim 9].

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27. (Amended) The use of a DNA molecule according to claim 1 [**any of claims 1 to 7**], of an RNA molecule obtainable by transcribing said DNA molecule [**according to claim 8**], of a vector comprising said DNA molecule [**according to claim 9**], or of an expression system comprising said DNA molecule [**according to claim 10**], in achieving increased expression of a polypeptide.

28. (Amended) A DNA molecule according to claim 1 [**any one of claims 1 to 7**] for use in therapy.

30. (Amended) A DNA molecule according to claim 28 [**or 29**] when administered by particle bombardment.

31. (Amended) A DNA molecule according to claim 28[, **29 or 30**] for use in achieving an increased immune response.

32. (Amended) A method of therapeutic or prophylactic vaccination comprising administering an effective amount of a DNA molecule as claimed in claim 1 [**any one of claims 1 to 7**].

34. (Amended) A method according to claim 32 [**or 33**] for use in achieving an increased immune response.

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